



£1BN SCHOOL MEALS MARKET

An in-depth report into the UK school meals market has revealed that parents spend £1 billion a year on meals for their children – with 3.25 million served each school day reports Cost Sector Catering.

The CaterFile School Meals Report, produced in association with Cost Sector Catering, says that although the number of children at school is set to drop from 9.3m now, to 8.8m by 2010, the market for school meals has scope to grow because fewer than half that number have school lunch.

The report includes a detailed listing of all 209 local authorities throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland with responsibility for school meal provision, with information about the service in their area.

Designed to be an essential planning tool for anyone in the sector, it costs £695. Call Rebecca Fey on 01474 574454 for details.

Breakdown showing how the UK's 9.3 million pupils are shared among different types of local authority:

LOCAL AUTHORITY	PERCENTAGE
England (County Councils)	32%
England (Metropolitan)	16%
Scotland	14%
England (Unitary)	12%
Wales	10%
England (London Boroughs)	9%
Northern Ireland	7%

Source: Dewberry Redpoint

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